

Medway June 5<sup>th</sup> 1775

The Committee of Correspondence Together with the Selectmen of S<sup>t</sup> Town  
Being met Together According to Agreement at the Dwellinghouse  
of Mr<sup>s</sup> Oriah Morse, in Order to Enquire into the Sentiments and  
Conduct of Eliza Adams Esq. Cap<sup>t</sup> Tim<sup>o</sup> Hamant & Jon<sup>a</sup> Cutler,  
Relating to the People in this Province, yielding Or being forced  
to the Obedience to the late Acts of the British Parliament for  
Altering the Constitution thereof &c, And to Enquire into the ground  
of Suspicion & Jealousies Prevailing, Relative to their being Unfriend  
& inimical to the Just rights & Liberties of Americans and of the  
Measures Adopted for the Recovery & Preservation of the rights  
Liberties & Constitution afores<sup>d</sup>.

In order for civility & good order Resolved to Chose a mod<sup>r</sup> & (Clerk)  
& Joshua Partridge was Chosen mod<sup>r</sup> & Elijah Gault Clerk of this meeting

The Esq<sup>s</sup> being Present the following Questions were asked viz  
whether it is his <sup>British</sup> Opinion that the Parliament has a right to pass acts  
Binding in all Cases in America Ans<sup>r</sup> No  
asked whether those late acts of the British Parliament for blocking of  
harbour of Boston & altering the Constitution of this Province are Grievous  
unjustifiable acts, Ans<sup>r</sup> yes  
it was his opinion that  
asked whether Obedience ought to be yielded or forced to the late acts of  
Parliament &c, Ans<sup>r</sup> no &c

asked whether he has any reason to think his name has been entered the List  
on Government Side Ans<sup>r</sup> that he had no reason to think so  
was asked whether he could freely adhere to the advice of the Continental &  
Provincial Congresses come to his knowledge, Ans<sup>r</sup> that he can. &c

Cap<sup>t</sup> Hamant being Present was Ashd of following Questions  
Ashd whether the <sup>Parliament</sup> has a right to pass acts binding in  
America in all cases whatsoever Answer no  
was Ashd the <sup>several</sup> Questions the 2<sup>d</sup> way, & answer the same as he. Did

Ashd whether he is free to adhere to the advice of the <sup>Continental & Provincial</sup> Congress, Come to his  
knowledge, answer yes

Jon<sup>a</sup> Cutlar being Desired to Attend & being Present was plainly  
Ashd the Particular Questions put to Esq<sup>r</sup> Adams as before  
Inferred, all which he freely Answered, To the Satisfaction of the  
Com<sup>tee</sup> & Selectman

Cutter

The sd Com<sup>ty</sup> & Selectmen after a Strict Examining the  
the sd Jon<sup>a</sup> Cutter. Resolved that the Suspicious and  
Jealousies of his being unfriendly & inimical to the rights  
& Liberties of America & the Constitution of this Province  
<sup>in a great measure</sup>  
~~is~~ groundless & that the sd Cutter Ought to be intitled  
to the Charitable Opinion of his Neighbours & Acquaintance  
in that regard

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to next Thursday  
day ~~that~~ at 2 o'clock after noon then to be held at the  
house

Attest. Joshua Partridge. moderator

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1775

The Com<sup>ty</sup> & Selectmen being met agreeable to adjournment  
Proceeded to consideration of the Suspensions of Capt<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Stanant &c  
Whereupon the following Resolves were ~~agreed upon~~ agreed upon. viz

Capt Hamant

Resolved that, after Examination of Capt Hamant, upon Due Consideration  
That the answers, made by Capt Hamant Together with what he is to  
offer, is <sup>to</sup> satisfaction to this meeting,

a motion being made Put to vote to see if the Consideration of Capt Hamant  
be adjourned to some future Time, & Desire the assistance <sup>& advice</sup> of some other  
Com<sup>rs</sup>, of Correspondence Resolved in the negative

Put to vote to see if Elijah Cantu be Directed by order of this body  
To recommend Capt <sup>and</sup> Simon Hamant to Charitable opinion of his  
Neighbours & Acquaintance agreeable to above Resolved upon his Signing  
an Instrument Prepared for that Purpose  
Resolved in the Affirmative

Resolved that this meeting be adjourned to next Wednesday at 2 o'clock  
after noon then to be held at this house  
attest Joshua Partridge moderator